



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6439

LCO No. 3168



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION OF
UNUSED MEDICATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) (a) As used in this
2 section:

3 (1) "Health care institution" means any public or private institution
4 or agency licensed or certified by the state to provide health care,
5 including a nursing home, residential health care facility, home health
6 care agency or hospice program or an institution, facility or agency
7 that provides services to persons with psychiatric disabilities or
8 intellectual disability, provided "health care institution" does not
9 include hospitals; and

10 (2) "Unused medication" means any unopened, expired or excess
11 medication dispensed for patient or resident care, including pills,
12 tablets, capsules and caplets.

13 (b) No health care institution and no employee, staff person,

14 contractor, or other person acting under the direction or supervision of
15 a health care institution, may discharge, dispose of, flush, pour or
16 empty any unused medication into a public or private waste water
17 collection system or septic system.

18 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) (a) The Department of
19 Consumer Protection shall, in consultation with the Division of State
20 Police within the Department of Emergency Management and Public
21 Protection, the Connecticut Pharmacists Association and the
22 Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, develop and implement a
23 program for the collection of unwanted pharmaceuticals. Such
24 program shall require municipal police stations and state police
25 barracks (1) to have a secure locked box that is accessible to the public
26 on a twenty-four-hour daily basis for the anonymous drop-off of
27 unused pharmaceuticals, and (2) to arrange for the transport of such
28 pharmaceuticals to a biomedical waste treatment facility, as defined in
29 section 22a-207 of the general statutes, for incineration.

30 (b) The Department of Consumer Protection shall, within available
31 appropriations, organize a public awareness campaign to educate the
32 public concerning the dangers of unsafe disposal of pharmaceuticals
33 and of the availability of the pharmaceutical collection program at
34 municipal police stations and state police barracks.

35 (c) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt
36 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
37 general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To encourage the proper disposal of unwanted medication.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]